



# Lake Park Villager

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## CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**July 10** – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

**July 25** – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LAKE PARK 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

JULY 4, 12:00 PM, RUSSELL PARK

### LAKE PARK SAGES

JULY 13, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC, CARD BINGO

### LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JULY 16, 7:00 PM, 3801 ALDEN ST.

### LP TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

JULY 16, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### GROWING IN LAKE PARK QUARTERLY WORKSHOP

JULY 24, 7:00 – 9:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### LAKE PARK SAGES BUS TRIP

AUGUST 2, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM, TRIP TO BLOWING ROCK

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 7, 6:00 – 10:00 PM, TOWN CENTER

### LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 20, STARTS AT 10 AM, TOWN CENTER PARK

VOLUNTEERS & PLANNERS CALL MARLEEN TRAYWICK AT 882-9804

## Getting to Know Lake Park

### Highlighting the Public Parks Ordinance

In February 2005, the Lake Park village council approved a public parks ordinance. The council approved this legislation to ensure that the beauty of the many public parks within the village will be preserved and protected for the future enjoyment of everyone. The ordinance specifically targets actions that damage or pollute our parks and ponds. For instance, it prohibits anyone from marking, defacing, disfiguring or removing any structures within the parks. The regulation states that no one will be able to dump or dispose of any solid or liquid that will result in pollution of the parks or ponds.

The ordinance also makes illegal behaviors that are harmful to the village parks. It states that no animals shall be harmed in the parks. No one will be permitted to build a fire or to sleep in any parks without permission by the village. In addition, swimming in the ponds will be prohibited.

### Did you know?

*The public park ordinance makes it unlawful to not clean up after pets in the public areas. It also prohibits feeding of any waterfowl.*

This ordinance also outlines the enforcement of these regulations. It states that anyone found violating the terms of the ordinance will be ejected from the park. A person ejected can only re-enter a park upon request and approval of the

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## Lake Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Russell Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> for an old fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Starting at 12:00, everyone is invited to join in a parade of decorated bicycles, tricycles and wagons to circle the park. Then at 12:30, 50 cent hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be available along with free watermelon. The pool will also be free of charge during the day. Come join in the patriotic fun and community fellowship.



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## For Your Information...

### Pets ... Why Scoop the Poop?

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste causes other problems. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn or in the common areas, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Both the village and any homeowner associations could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
2. Uncollected dog waste may lead to increased taxes (or an association special assessment). If fined by the EPA, those penalties would be paid by all citizens and owners via tax monies—not just dog owners.
3. The appearance and quality of the common areas do affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
4. The more residents that complain about dog waste, the more time the village staff must spend on enforcement rather than devoting time to more constructive business.
5. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

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village's Parks and Recreation Commission. Additionally, any person found in violation of these regulations will be subject to a maximum fine of \$100 for a violation.

## June Council Highlights

- The council approved the 2007-2008 Budget. This budget plans for revenues and expenses totaling \$1,009,447. It includes funds for needed repairs and maintenance of the common areas as well as maintaining the current level of services for most of the other items. The revenues will be achieved with no change to the current tax rate.
- A new deputy has been assigned to Lake Park. Deputy Michelle Hannon joins Deputy Ryan Tomberlin in serving the village. The council welcomes Deputy Hannon.
- Parks and Rec is negotiating a contract extension with Lucas Landscaping to keep these costs constant over the next several years.

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## You're Invited: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

DATE: August 7, 2007

TIME: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

LOCATION: Town Center Gazebo Area

The Union County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Village of Lake Park and the Lake Park Community Watch Program is coordinating the second annual National Night Out. National Night Out is a nationwide program to help fight drugs and crime in communities.

Bring your family for a wonderful evening of fun filled events and entertainment to support the community.

### FUN, FOOD AND FESTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- Huge Party
- Free Food
- Free Entertainment for children and adults including games and music
- Law Enforcement displays
- Fire Dept displays

Your help would be appreciated to make this night a success. Donations are being accepted at the Village of Lake Park Municipal office between 9AM and 12PM. Items needed are money (cash or checks) and supplies (paper plates, napkins, utensils) and covered dishes.

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